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SUBJECT: MAY DAY IN LIMA

1. IN COMMUNIQUE APRIL 30, THE GOP LIFTED THE SUSPENSION
OF CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES FOR MAY 1 ONLY IN ORDER TO PERMIT WORKERS

TO HOLD "COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES". THE COMMUNIST CGTP TRADE
UNION HELD A MAY 1 DEMONSTRATION
IN THE CENTER CITY PLAZA WHERE CGTP HEADQUARTERS LOCATED.
NEARLY 2,000 PARTICIPANTS GATHERED BENEATH THE FLAGS OF PERU,
CUBA AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRG TO HEAR SPEAKERS FROM THE CGTP,
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC CNT AND THE LABOR COMMUNITIES (CONACI).

2. GUSTAVO ESPINOZA, CGTP SECRETARY GENERAL, CALLED FOR COMPLETE
REORGANIZATION OF THE LABOR MINISTRY WHICH HE SAID SERVED THE
COUNTERREVOLUTION AND OPPOSED THE "JUST DEMANDS OF THE WORKING
CLASS". IN FURTHER ATTACK ON SELECTED GOP ENTITIES,
THE CGTP LEADER CONDEMNED THE "MANIPULATION" OF SINAMOS AND THE
POLITICS OF REPRESSION CARRIED OUT BY INTERIOR MINISTRY.
ESPINOZA ALSO WARNED THAT "IMPERIALISM, DEFEATED BY THE PEOPLES
OF CUBA AND VIETNAM, WILL ATTEMPT TO CONVERT LATIN AMERICA INTO
THE FOCUS OF ITS AGGRESSION". HE CALLED FOR THE "EXPULSION" OF
MARCONA MINING COMPANY IN ORDER TO "STRIKE AT IMPERIALISM".

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3. AT ONE POINT DURING NOONTIME RALLY THERE WAS A SCUFFLE AS

GROUPS DESCRIBED BY THE CGTP AS APRA, REVOLUTIONARY LABOR MOVEMENT (MLR), AND ULTRA-LEFT ATTEMPTED TO DISRUPT PROCEEDINGS. POLICE RIOT SQUADS WERE NEARBY BUT ORDER WAS RESTORED BEFORE MASSIVE INTERVENTION WAS REQUIRED.

4. MEANWHILE, APRA-LINKED CTP TRADE UNION HELD COMMEMORATIVE OBSERVANCE AT CEMETARY WHERE SECRETARY GENERAL CRUZADO TERMED REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES "IRREVERSIBLE". AT SAME TIME CRUZADO DEMANDED ECONOMIC SYSTEM WHICH WILL FOSTER PERU'S DEVELOPMENT, AND HE CALLED FOR TRUE DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND WORKERS SO THAT WORKERS PARTICIPATE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS RATHER THAN REMAIN AS OBJECTS.

5. THE GOVERNMENT CTRP UNION IN MAY 1 MESSAGE CONDEMNED BOTH MARXISTS AND TRADITIONAL UNIONS AND CALLED FOR UNIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION BY SUPPORTING THE WORKERS' CAUSE, BUT ALWAYS WITHIN "PARAMETERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS".

6. COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT CTRP UNION HAD ADVANCED NOTICE OF GOP DECISION TO ALLOW MAY 1 DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT THE UNION CHOSE TO ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE ONLY. THE CGTP WHICH CLAIMED ONLY 24 HOURS NOTICE ORGANIZED A RESPECTABLE RALLY WITH ANTI-GOVERNMENT OVERTONES. PERHPAS IN ANTICIPATION OF THAT, THE CTRP DECLINED TO SHARE THE PLATFORM WITH COMMUNIST UNION LEADERS, ALTHOUGH THE SMALL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LABOR COMMUNITIES DID. ALTHOUGH THE CTP ACCEPTED REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES AS IRREVERSIBLE IT CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE IN ECONOMIC AND MANPOWER AREAS.
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